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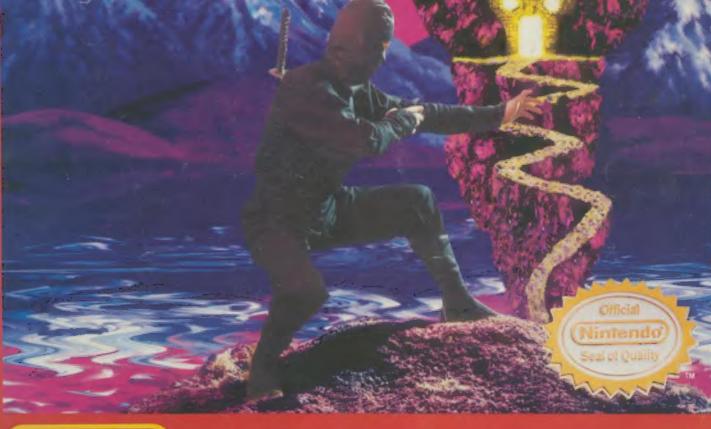
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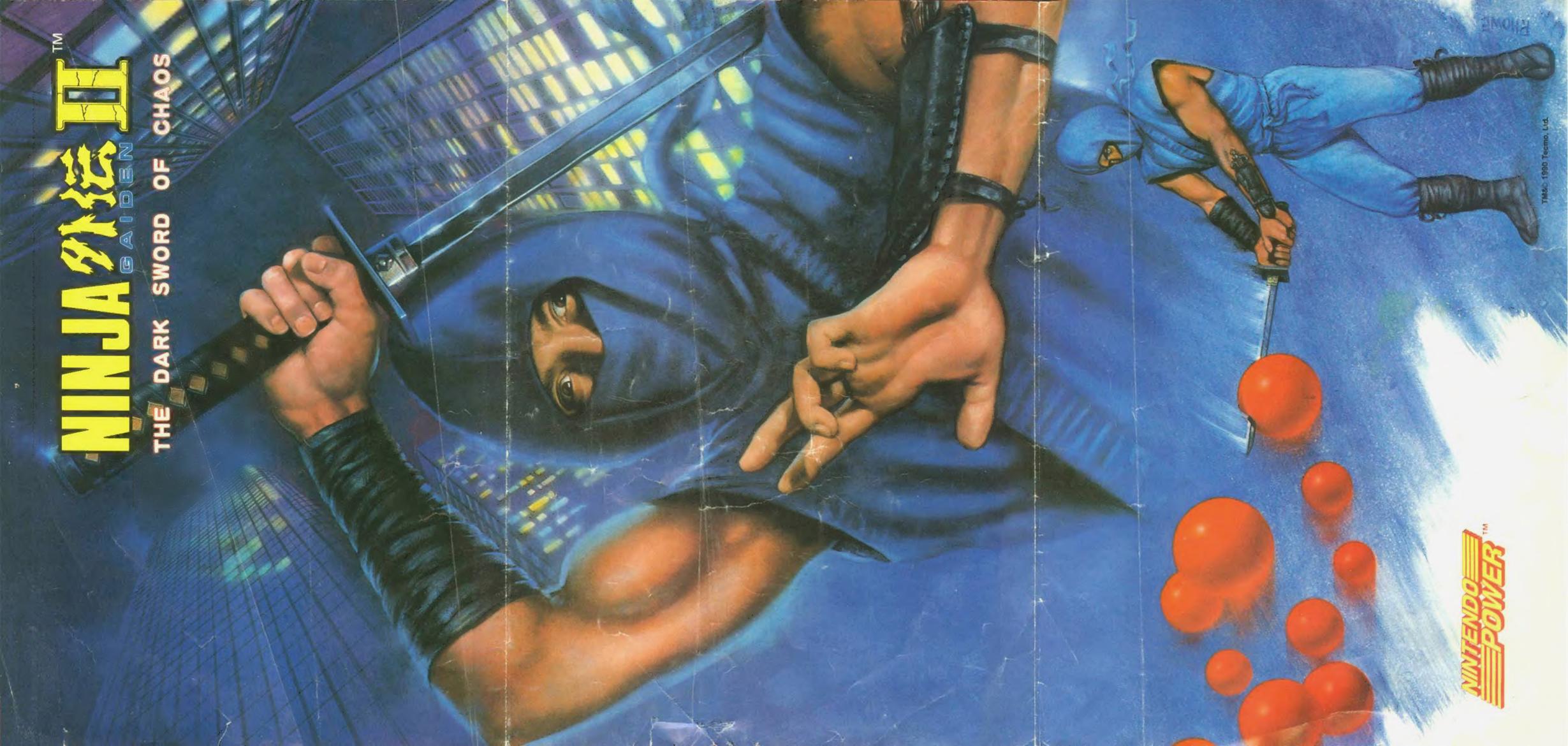
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Although many Ninja techniques have been lost over time, and indeed many were never understood by outsiders, a few are known to historians and martial arts researchers. An example of the versatility and resourcefulness of the Ninja can be illustrated by studying their multi-purpose equipment and a few of their tricks.



SHINOBI-KATANA



Ninja always carried their sword strapped to their backs when not in use, so it would not interfere with their movements.





The straighter Ninja sword was different from a curved Samurai sword in shape and use. The scabbard (sword casing) was a multi-purpose tool: It could

serve as a blow-gun, a hiding place for small objects and a snorkel-like breathing tube.

With the sharp end of the sword casing thrust into the ground, the sword could be used as a step to help the Ninja reach the top of a wall. In addition, the large hilt or hand guard of the Ninja sword could be used as a tool (to remove nails, for example).



Through their detailed study of nature, the Ninja learned many techniques that assisted them during their missions. Careful observation of his surroundings gave the Ninja helpful information. Since these techniques are based on the unchanging principles of nature, they can still be used today.

CAT'S EYE CLOCK

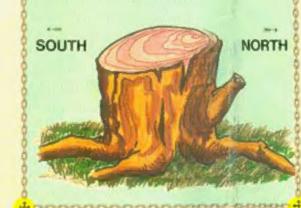


The sensitive eye of the common cat depending on the time of day. By looking at a cat's

could tell approximately what time it was. The only thing preventing the Ninja from inventing the first wrist watch was the cat's refusal to stay on his arm.

TREE COMPASS

A tree's growth rings, affected buy the Sun's position in the sky, are fuurther apart on the south side of the triree than on the north side. A Ninja armned with this knowledge could use a fatallen tree in the forest as a compass.

















The Ninja's mask completed his uniform, and left only a small part of his face uncovered, allowing him to hide in the shadows and become invisible in darkness. A Shinobi Zukin can be made of a square yard of light-weight, dark cloth. The Ninja first folded the cloth into a triangle, put it over his head and held it as shown in the photo. He then tied the ends in back and arranged the cloth so the back of his head was hidden.

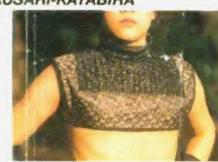






MINJA

KUSARI-KATABIRA



Because of the need for stealth, speed and silence, the Ninja did not wear armor. But in certain cases a Ninja might have worn Kusari-Katabira under his ninja uniform. Similar in appearance to chain mail, but lighter, it protected his heart from blows that managed to get through his defenses.





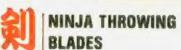
KAGI-NAWA



Many different types of climbing tools and hooks assisted the Ninja in tackling more difficult obstacles. The rope or chain attached to the Kagi-nawa was light and thin, but very strong, and was also suitable for use by the resourceful Ninja to bind captured foes or lay traps.







SHURIKEN

One of the most well known Ninja weapons was the Shuriken. These existed in many varieties. and like all Ninja weapons, are not toys! They are popular in motion pictures, but were really only a small part of the Ninja arsenal.







Form and function were important in the Ninja's footwear, called Waraji, as well. With a sole made of tightly woven straw or fibre, traction was excellent on slippery surfaces. The split-toe facilitated scaling barriers like the sheer walls of enemy fortresses.

NINJA FOOTWEAR





The Legend Continues...





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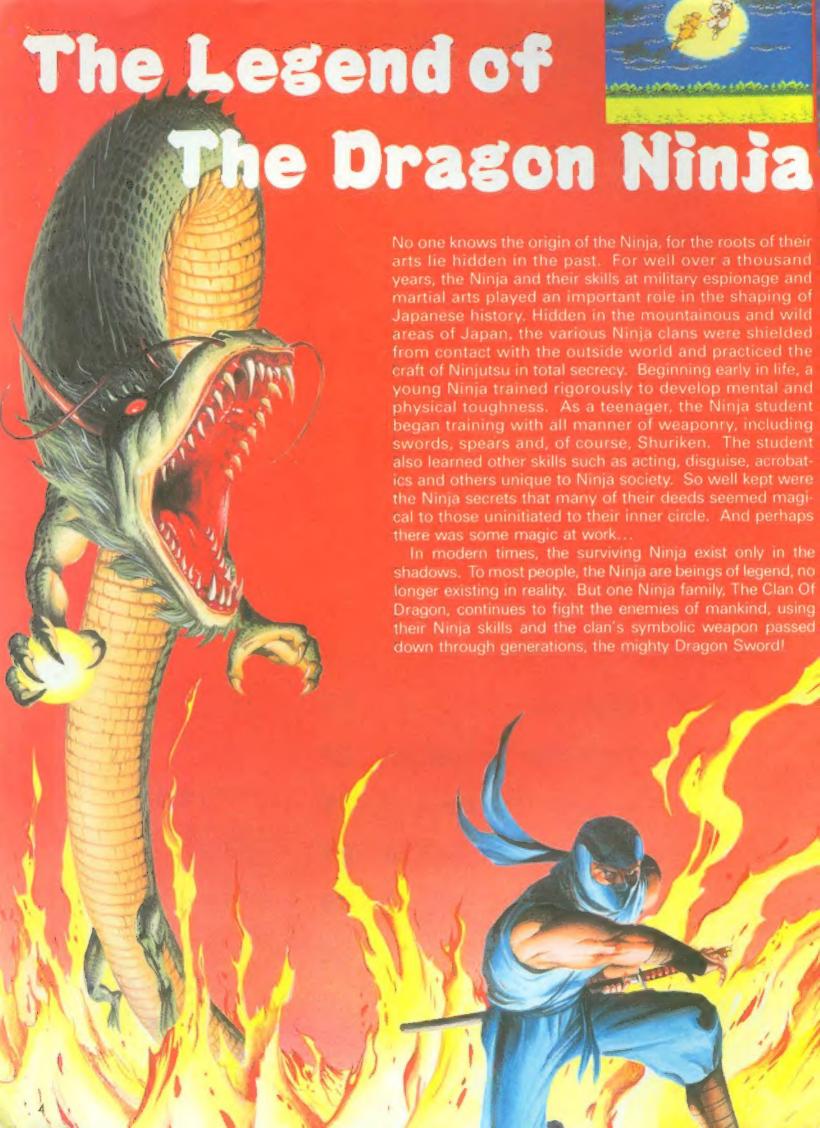
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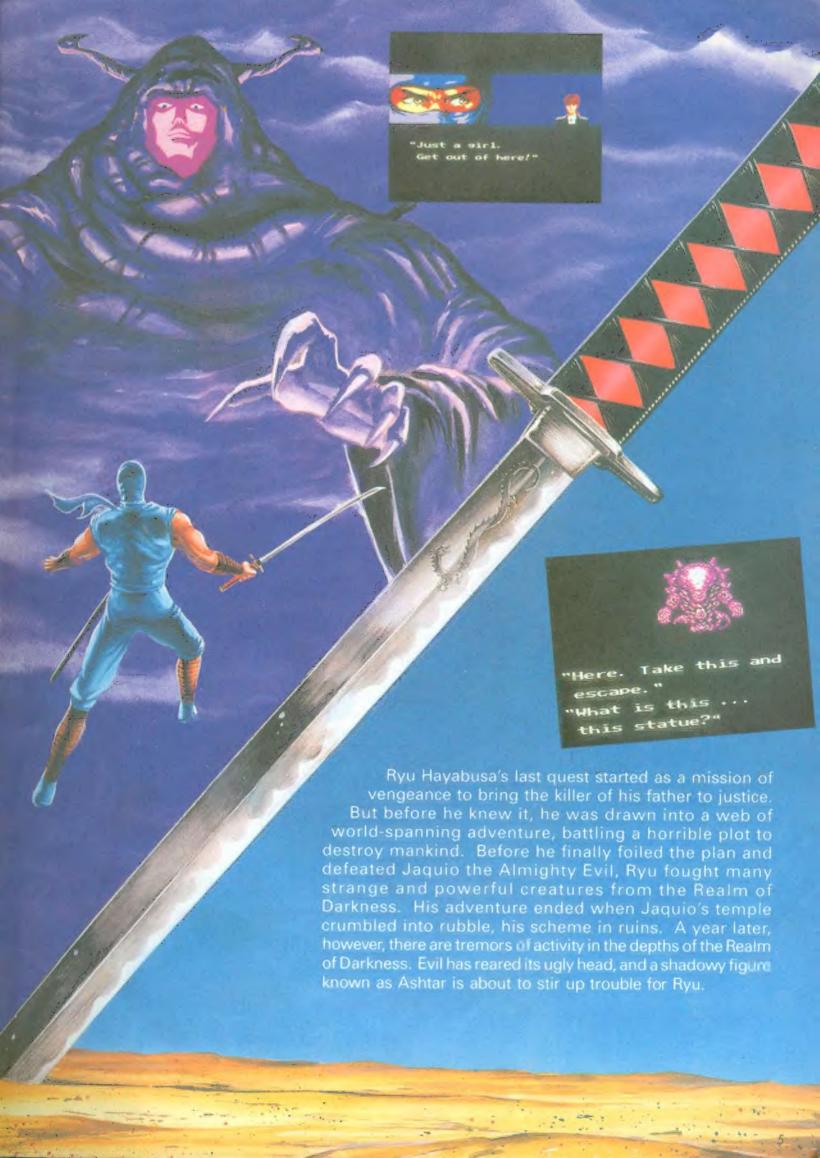
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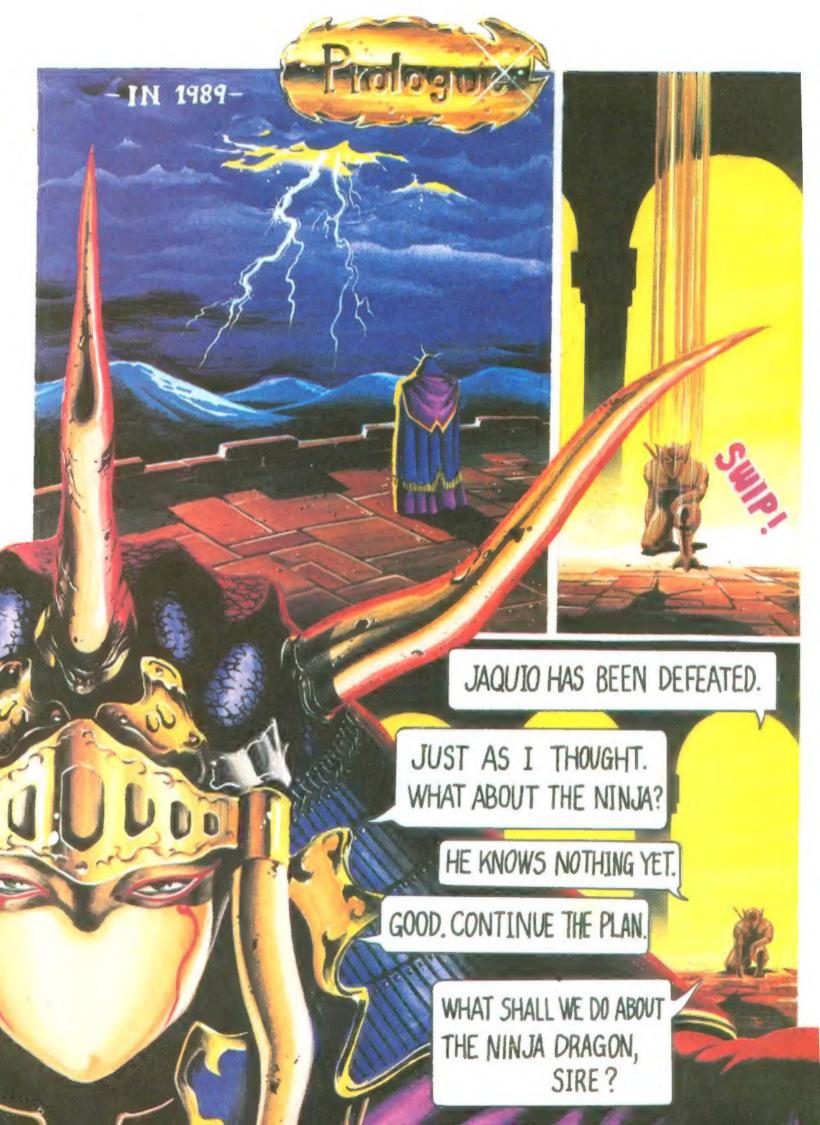
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ONE YEAR AFTER THE FATEFUL BATTLE WITH JAQUIO...

A NEW ADVENTURE BEGINS FOR RYU HAYABUSA,

THE NINJA OF THE DRAGON SWORD...





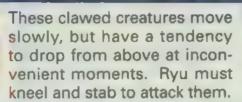
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CLONE BARBARIANS

Through the use of sorcery, Ashtar has created clones of the Malice Four. Clones of Barbarian are now mere footsoldiers in Ashtar's army.



SPIDER WIGHTS



KILLER BATS

Bats from the depths of the Earth have been trained by Ashtar to kill, attacking with a swift up and down motion. They are difficult to avoid.



DARK NINJA ~

Some of the many Ninja clans have gone to the side of evil. Dark Ninja jump unexpectedly from below and attack with the Shuriken. Their ambush is difficult to avoid.

JACKSONS

Other evil humans have been cloned by Ashtar. You can guess who the role model for this duplicate was, and who wears a goalie's mask and attacks with a knife...



HARPIES

Attacking in a wide, sweeping motion with iron tipped talons scratching, these deadly birds of prey harass those who trespass in Ashtar's realm.

ROCKMEN

These musclebound giants have a limitless supply of boulders to throw at Ryu. You'll have to take them out fast before they have a chance to get the boulder rolling.



SLIMES -

Slimes often ooze on walls, just out of the reach, and attack with blobs of poisonous protoplasm.

MONGOLIANS

Another foot soldier unit in Ashtar's armies, the Mongolians pace back and forth and are easily avoided. It is their positioning that makes them dangerous.



ROLPHERS

These contortionist creatures can contract into a rolling sphere and bounce around with deadly affect.

SNIPER JOES

Sniper Joe's weapon packs a punch and he is almost always stationed in areas where the force of his bullet will knock you into a pit.



KUO-TAOS

The many humanoids of the World of Chaos have joined in the assault on Earth. The bug-eyed Kuo-Tao creep slowly and are easily avoided.

HUSTLIN' JIMS

Where he's from and where he goes, nobody knows, but you'd better not get in his way! He'll charge through and try to hit you with his knife on the way.







WILL-O-WISPS

The Will-O-Wisp of legend lured men to their doom in swamps and primeval forests. Ashtar's Will-O-Wisps follow relentlessly with slow burning touch of death.



The clones of Basaquer are as annoying as the original, attacking with Ninja knives as they jump above you. You'll have to be quick to get them with a sword thrust.



BOMBER HEAD CLONES

The clones of Bomber Head stand guard in many passages and strike with razorsharp rings of steel. They can be faked out by jumping around to spoil their aim.

NIXIES

Undead spirits given physical form by Ashtar's magic, they saunter slowly and aimlessly, sad shadows of the men they once were. Their touch is dangerous.



GOBLIN'S EYES

These octopoid creatures go into a frenzy when their victim is near. However, they pause for a moment before attacking—so you have a chance if you act fast.

KILLER GOLEMS

Killer Golems were created by Ashtar through the forgotten science of Alchemy. They attack ferociously when approached by an enemy.



TARANTULAS

The giant spiders found throughout Ashtar's realm typically hang out of reach, and spit tiny but deadly blobs of venom at you.

PUMPKIN HEADS

Pumpkin Head walks softly and carries m big axe. He can spit fireballs, but you'll have plenty of time to get to him before he has m chance.



CLONE MALTHS

The clone of the former powerhouse of the Malice Four is not nearly as tough as the original, and requires only two or three sword thrusts to destroy.

DARK CARRIERS

These crustaceous killers inhabit the dark reaches of the Maze Of Darkness. Slow moving like the Spider Wights, they travel in packs.



FIRE SNAKES

These infernal vipers inhabit regions of intense heat. They occasionally visit cooler climates to search for prey, which they subdue with their dragon-like breath.

RUNNING STANS

Like his evil ally Hustlin' Jim, Running Stan is in a hurry to commit a crime. He'll clobber you with his club as he goes by, unless you get him first.



OBL

That much-maligned creature, the bat, has been warped for evil purposes by Ashtar. Obli attack much like Harpies, but are quicker and more tenacious

PSYCHIC BRAINS

Bodiless brains possessing great mental power, but little intelligence, Psychic Brains bound up from the flaming depths and launch a shower of fiery spores at intruders.



Suspended in air throughout Ryu's mission are the Dragon Spirit Crystal Balls These red orbs are visible only to those with Ninja training They contain useful items and Ninja arts Ryu can reveal only by slicing them open with his sword or with a Ninja art. Once cut open a symbol representing the Item will appear Ryu can collect it and reap its benefits





NINJA POWER-UP

Ninja Power is necessary to use the many mystic Ninjutsu fighting techniques. A Blue Ninja Power-Up symbol will give you 10 Ninja Power points, a Red Ninja Power-Up will fill your Ninja Power to the maximum.



BONUS BOTTLES (B) 15

Grab the Bonus Bottles when they are revealed; Blue ones give you 1,000 bonus points; Red Bonus Bottles are worth 2,000. Points are important in Ryu's mission because he is given another life for every 100,000 he scores.



MEDICINE FOR RECOVERY

Even the greatest martial artists can be wounded in the course of battle. Medicine For Recovery is invaluable in continuing the fight against Chaos without losing a life.



THE SCROLL OF THE SPIRIT OF THE DRAGON

Filled with mystical wisdom, this item will raise the maximum level of Ryu's Ninja Power. With his Ninja Power maximum raised, Ryu will be able to store up more Ninja Power and use his Ninja arts more often.



1-UP

A Blue Ninja Symbol will grant Ryu another life in the war against Ashtar. Although they are often difficult to collect, their obvious value outweighs the risk.



TING YOUR BODY (PHANTOM DOUBL

A Red Ninja symbol will create an invincible double of Ryu which will follow him and copy his every move. Although they have ■ ghostly appearance, their swords are deadly to enemies, and when Ryu uses a Ninja art, so do they, with identical deadly effect.





Ninja Arts fems are also found concealed in the Dragon Spirit Crystal Balls. Using any of the Ninja arts granted from these tems will decrease your Ninja Rower. Ninja arts are activated by pressing Up and the A Button). As long as you have # particular art, you can use it until you collect different one. Certain arts are better for particular areas, and each uses a different amount of Ninja Power.

THROWING STAR (5 POINTS)



One of the basic Ninja weapons is the Throwing Star, or Shuriken. Ryu is well versed in its use, and hurls it with the skill of a circus knife thrower.



WINDMILL THROWING STAR (10 POINTS)



The Windmill Throwing Star slices through the target and, like a boomerang, comes back to Ryu, doing damage on the return trip as well. It is useful when enemies are attacking from both sides.



THE ART OF THE FIRE WHEEL (8 POINTS)



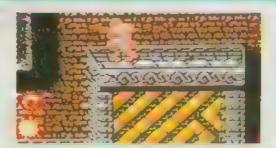
This powerful art allows Ryu to fling a blast of fire diagonally upwards towards foes above and in front of him. For use against enemies on a hill or slope, or to knock down Crystal Balls that are out of reach, it's your best bet.



FIRE DRAGON BALLS (8 POINTS)



Ryu's Dragon Sword hurls these mystical balls of electric energy diagonally to injure enemies below and in front of him. Useful for clearing away adversaries while clinging to a wall.



INVINCIBLE FIRE WHEEL (15 POINTS) 🎘



Upon activating this art, a ring of flame will encircle Ryu and protect him from harm for a short time. Any enemies contacting this barrier will be destroyed. Enemies below will be wiped out as the ring rises from the bottom of the screen to surround Ryu, creating an offensive use for this skill.



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SPLIT YOUR BODY FOR MULTIPLE ATTACKS

Ryu can have up to two ghost doubles at a time. If Ryu jumps down from a high place, the doubles will stop in mid-air, making it easy to attack airborne foes. They can also be used to attack enemies on both sides.







ATTACK FROM THE WALL



While Ryu holds onto a wall or ladder, he can attack enemies using his Ninja skills. Press the Control Pad arrow to the left or right and then press the B Button. The skill will attack in the direction

you have chosen. If you have no Ninja Power, you will be defenseless when you are climbing (you can't use your sword) so be careful!









SWIFT KICK-OFF JUMP FROM THE WALL

If you don't quite make it across a chasm, or if you take wrong step, you may end up hanging on to a wall or obstacle that you want to get on top of. It can be difficult to escape from this predicament. In most instances, you need only climb to the very top of the barrier, and then make a quick kick-off jump from there (press away from the wall on the Control Pad and the A Button simultaneously). Immediately press in the opposite direction on the Control Pad to get on top of







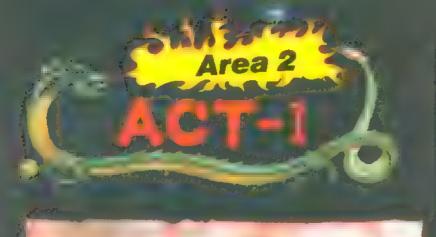
the obstacle. You will need to practice this move before you master it (On certain walls, you will be unable to climb all the way to the top. On these, you will need to find an alternate method of going over the top.).



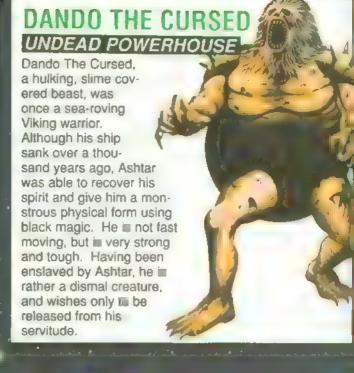


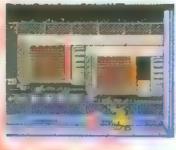


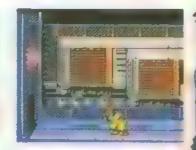


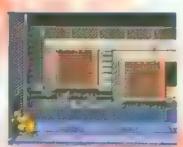


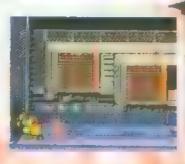
The appearance of Dando The Cursed is the first clue Ryu gets that the attacks on him are part of something much bigger than a simple mugging. Ryu will find that Dando is immune to attacks by his Ninja arts, therefore, the raw blade of the Dragon Sword must be used. Dando moves slowly at first, and this is your chance to move in and attack. After contacting him a few times, retreat and scale the wall. Dando will charge at you even if you've scrambled out of reach. Just before he hits the wall, jump off so you land behind him. Attack and retreat until Dando is defeated.









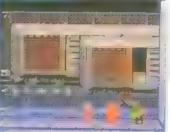




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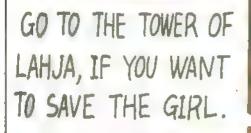
The phantom doubles created by Splitting Your Body may not be helpful against Dando. Skilled maneuvering might enable you to place them so they can strike Dando, but he will not be fooled by the ghosts, and will still charge at you. The best strategy is to ignore your shadows altogether and focus on your own character's attack.















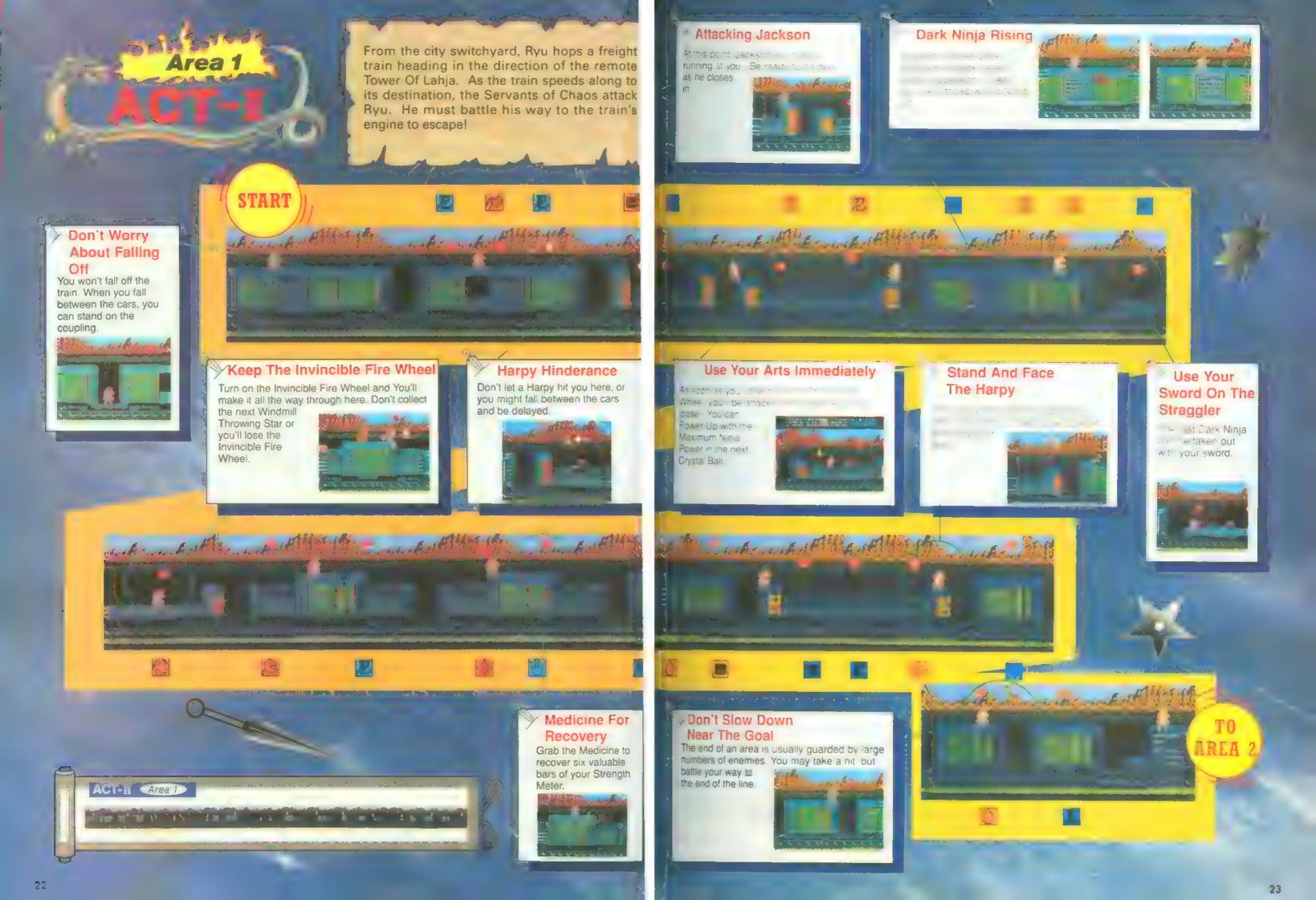
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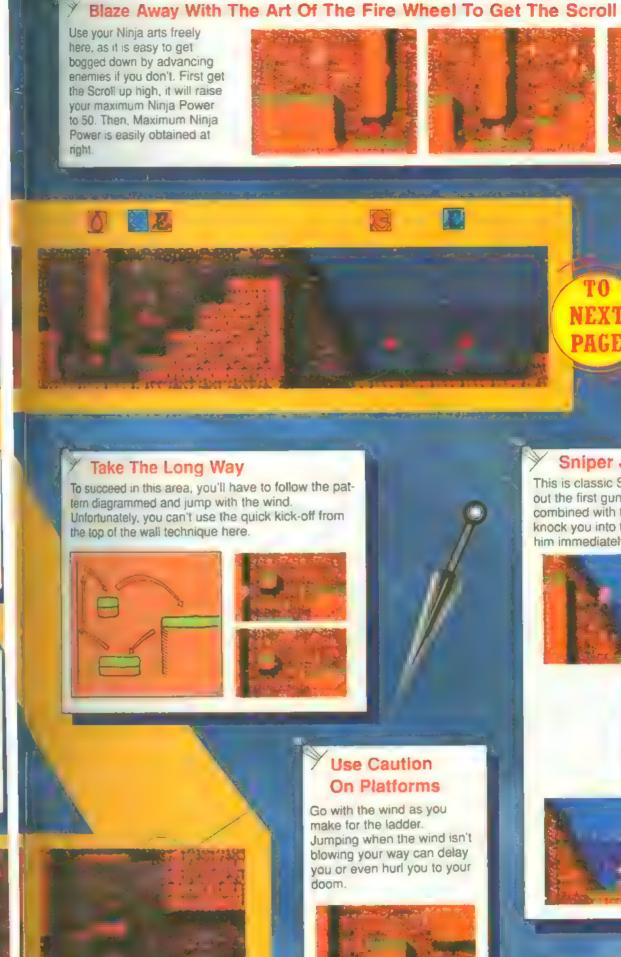












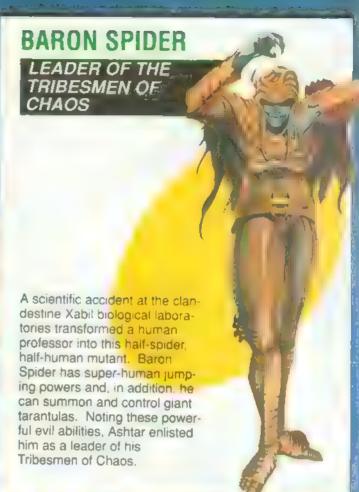
NEXT PAGE **Sniper Joe Strategy** This is classic Sniper Joe. If you don't take out the first gunman in murry, his bullet, combined with the gale force winds, may knock you into the pit. So if you don't get him immediately, be ready to jump! **Use Caution** On Platforms Go with the wind as you make for the ladder. Jumping when the wind isn't blowing your way can delay you or even hurl you to your

wipe out both Rockmen.





Baron Spider, a leader of the Tribesmen of Chaos, taunts Ryu while perched on a platform, seemingly out of reach. He attacks by casting giant tarantulas at his enemies. To defeat him, climb up the wall until you're level with him and jump towards him. If you make it onto the platform with him, rapidly strike with the Dragon Sword. Even if you don't make it onto his platform, he should jump to the ground; strike swiftly and you'll have another opportunity to attack him there. After you hit him with your sword on the ground a few times, he'll jump back up. The wind makes it difficult, but by repeating this process, victory will be yours!











The Art Of The Fire Wheel Burns Spiders!

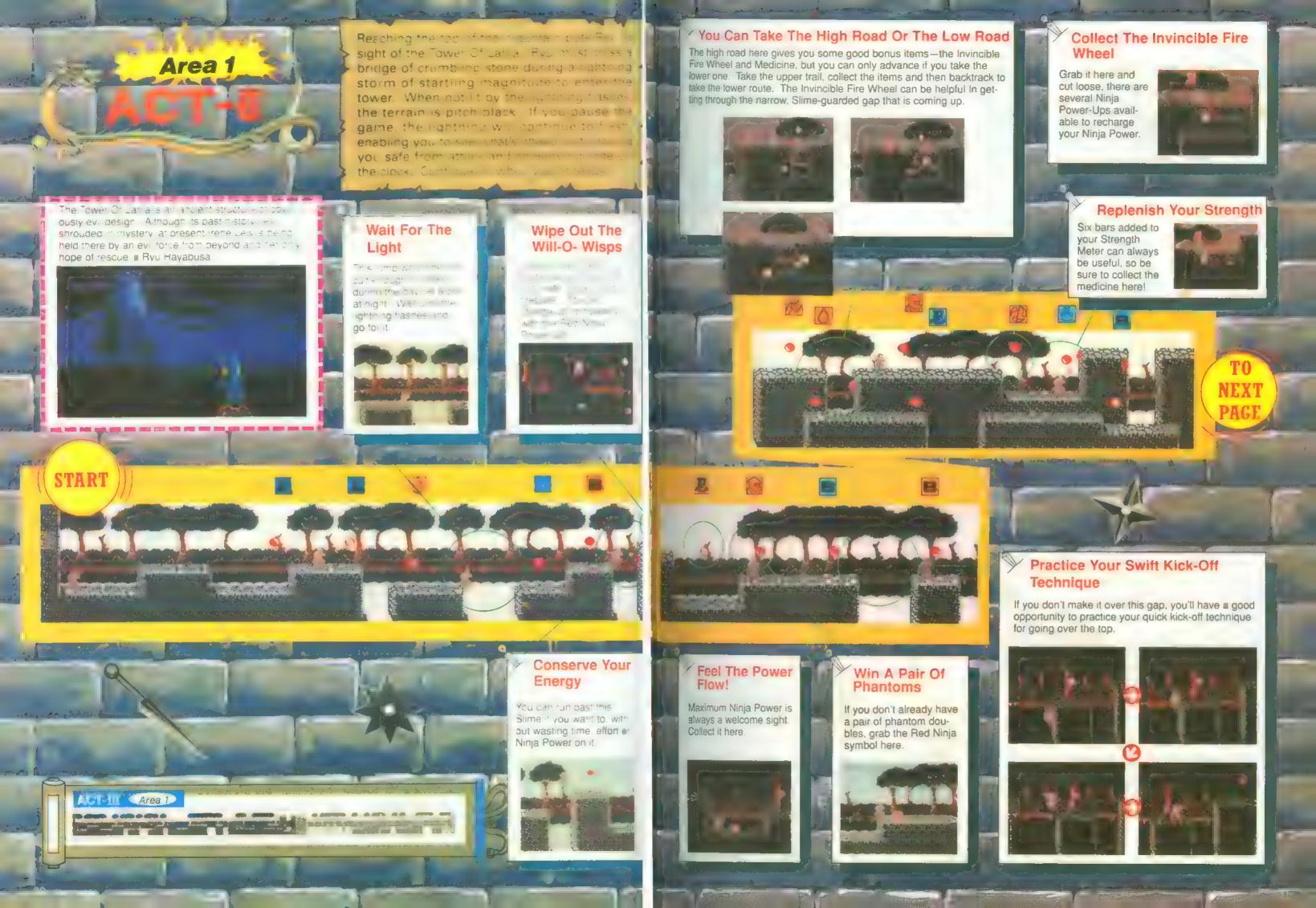
The Art Of The Fire Wheel is a powerful weapon to use against Baron Spider. However, when you use the art, time it so you hit the Baron and don't waste it

on his pets. If you obtained the Scrotl earlier in the area and have full Ninja Power, you should be able to make short work of him.

























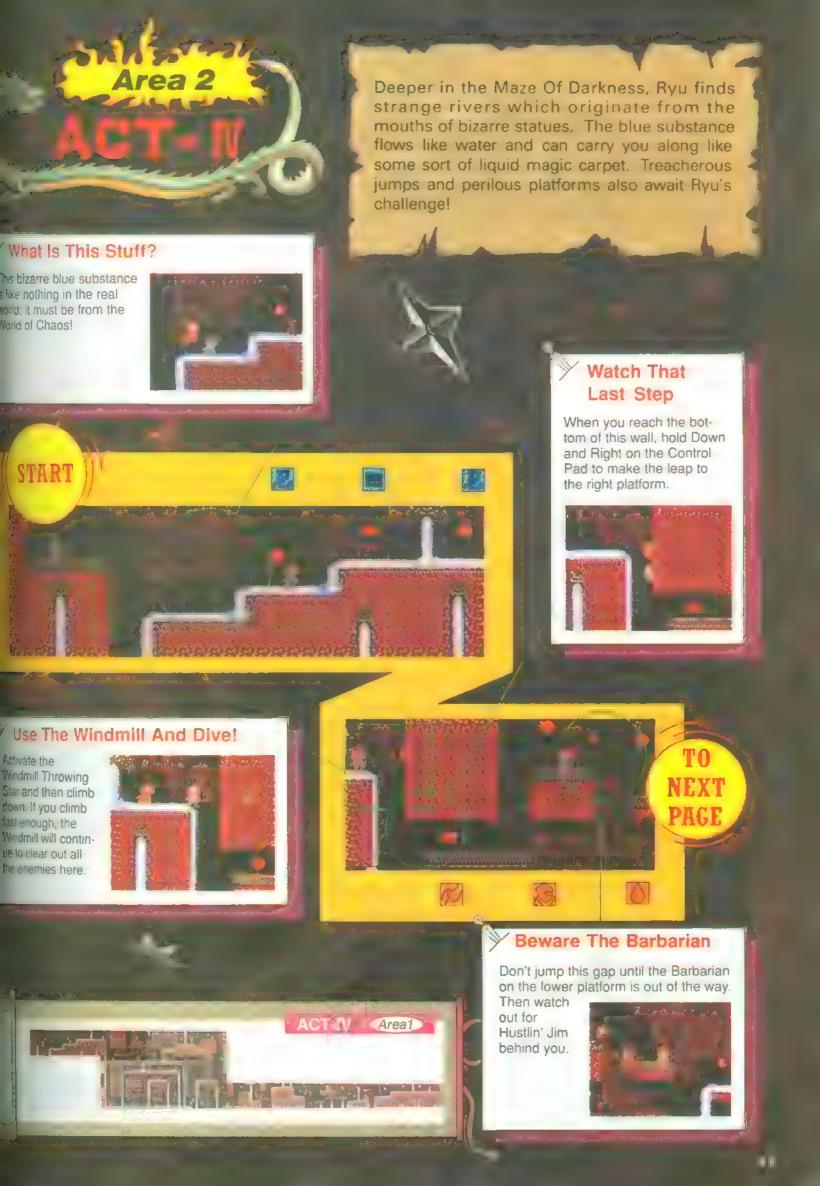


THE MAZE OF DARKNESS

ATTICE TO SECOND







The Wild Windmill

Launch the Windmill as soon as you get it, and you shoul wipe out all the enemies in the vicinity of the ladder if you enough.





Take It Easy

Even small jumps can be treacherous when you're fighting the current along with the enemies. The Art Of The Fire Wheel will clear the way for you to proceed more easily.



Area?



CONTIN

air, but you can do it either way.





Don't Follow The Waterfall

Power-Up Opportunity

You may as well grab this Ninja Power-Up. It's easier collect if you first jump to the left side and then go back, cutting and catching it in mid-

You can climb on the left side here as you make your way down, but you won't be able to go all the way down on the waterfall, so jump to the



ladder on the right.

Ladder

Yes, it leads to the rest of the



Stand Your Ground

As soon as you jump onto the first small platform on the middle level, a Harpy will swoop down and attack. Stand on this platform and defeat it before you move on Bet rid of the Barbarian above before you go to the upper level.





The Long And Winding Road

This is another area where you'll have to take a twisting route to advance. Be careful of your footing on these small platforms as you make your way up to the top tier.







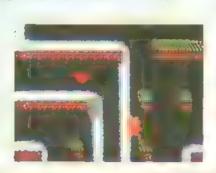


As usual, when you reach the end of the line, look for a ladder.



Long Jump, Little Platforms

Since there aren't any enemies attacking I this moment, take your time making this jump, it's kind of tricky.



It's A Long Way To The 1-Up!

follow the trail of small platforms back towards the left and onto the larger platform where the Kuo-Tao paces, guarding a 1-Up If you collect this 1-Up, then go back up the ladder to the alt, when you come back down, the 1-Up will be there again!



Heal Thyself, Ninja

Grab this Medicine Of Healing if you're feeling weak.







Carve Pumpkin Head Quickly

Fry this Pumpkin Head quickly, or else the fire he breathes will knock you into the crevice below.



Climb Against The Current

As soon as you jump this gap, press Up on the Control Pad to climb against the raging current of the waterfall.











TO AREA 3

Turn Around At The Right Moment

Hustlin' Jim will chase you through this area. When you get to the small platform here, turn around and defend yourself. Then wait until the Pumpkin Heads fall off the cliff before advancing.



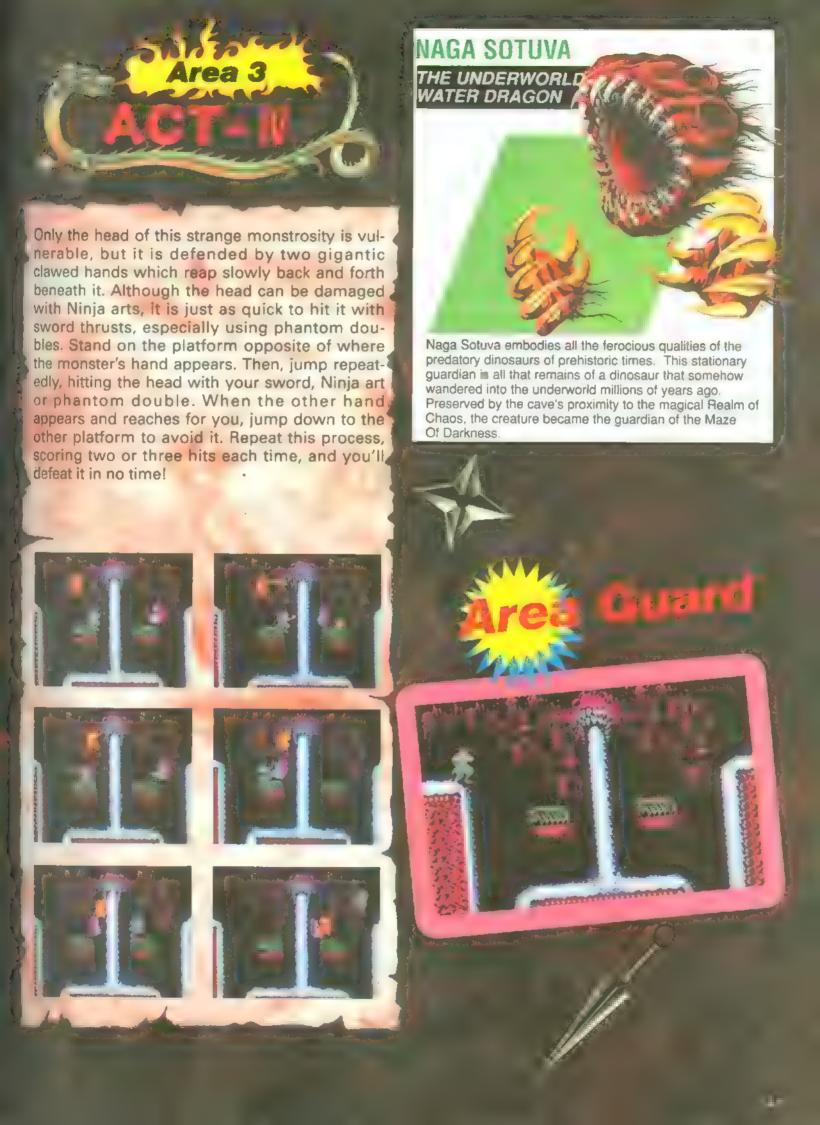


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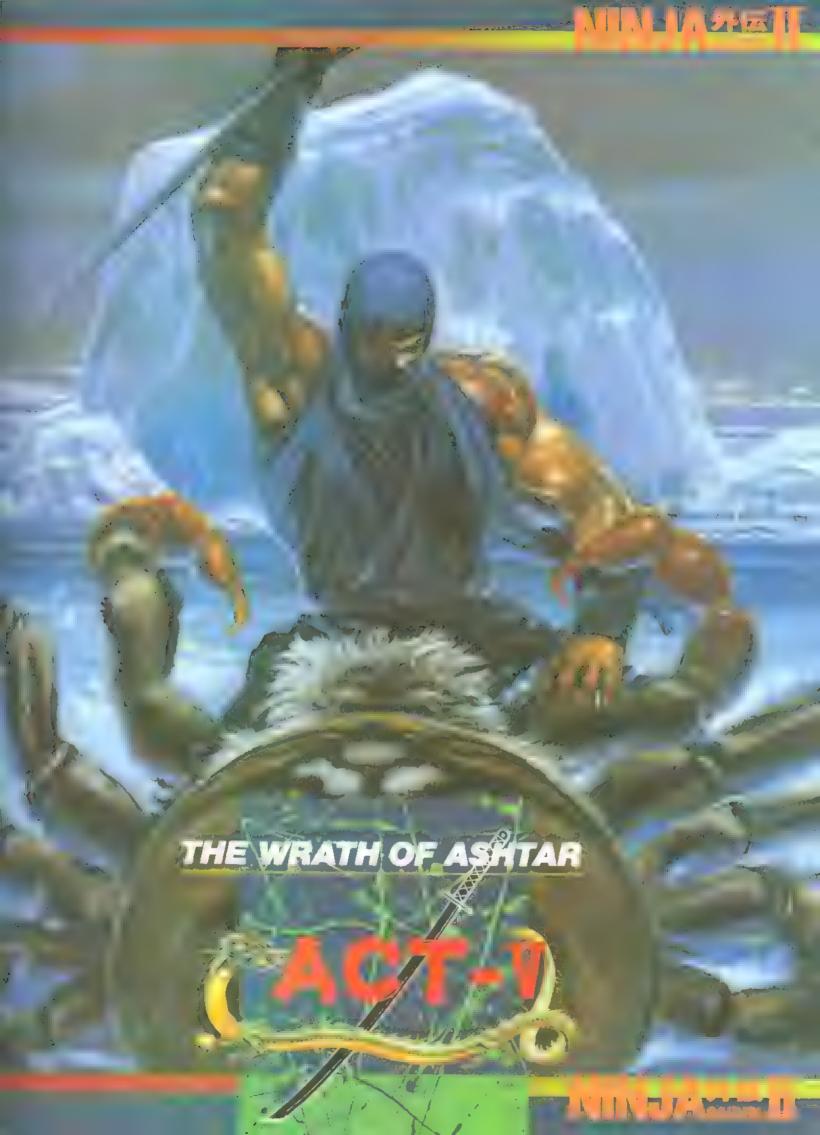
Smash the second Pumpkin Head and go right. Defeat the Hustlin' Jims with your sword and collect the Windmill Throwing Star just before the exit of this area.

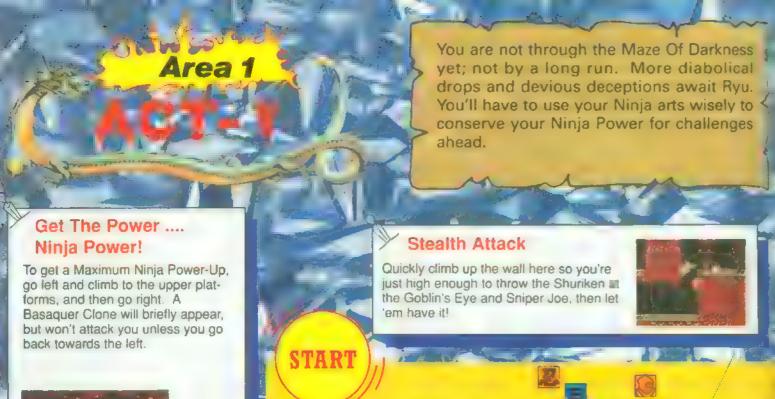


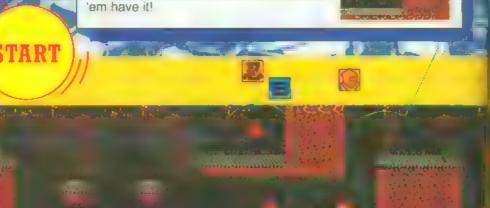


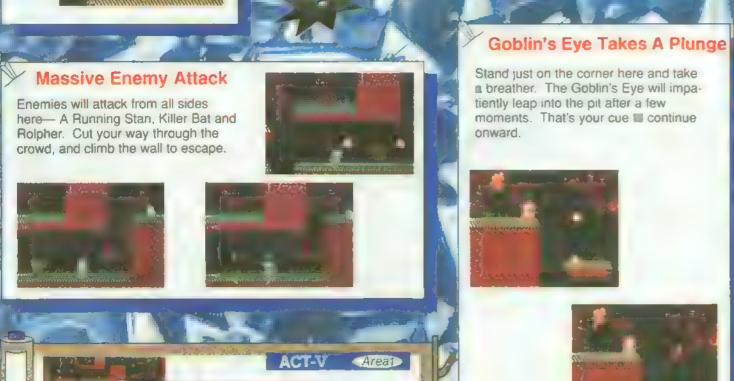




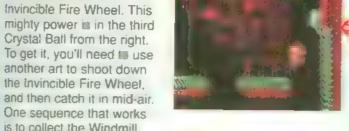












is to collect the Windmill Star, use it knock down the Art Of Fire Wheel, then use the Art Of Fire Wheel to get the Invincible Fire Wheel. Do not collect any other arts once you get the Invincible Fire Wheel, or you'll lose it!

In most cases, the Ninja art of choice is the











Deeper Into The Depths!

This ladder leads to the deepest depths of the Maze Darkness-the Corridor Of Pain!



Ready, Steady, Go! After you jump this flame, activate

the Invincible Fire Wheel and run to the right as fast as you can.

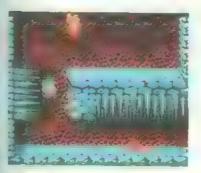




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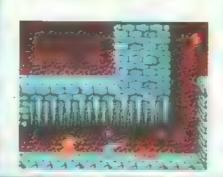
ESCENE FEETHER

Although Ashtar has very odd taste in interior decoration, these stickers aren't for looks. they're deadly!



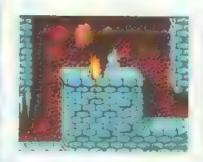
Hark! It's The Dark Carriers

A trio of Dark Carriers will drop down here, but don't worry, they are slow and easily destroyed. Just kneel and slice.



Do Not Collect This Item

You'll want to avoid cutting open the first Crystal Ball here. Stick with the Invincible Fire Wheel. However, by all means get the second one- it contains a Ninja Power-Up.













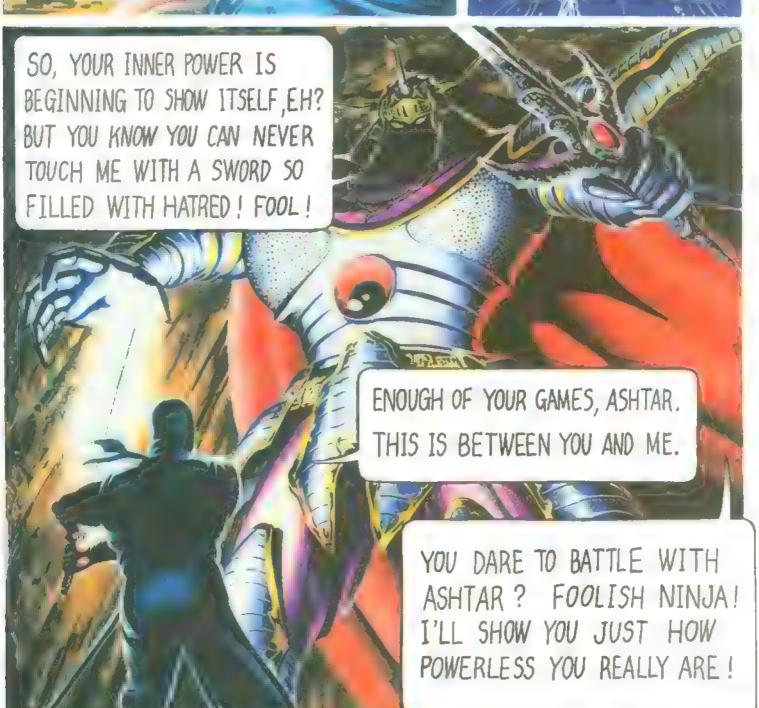














THE CASTLE OF CHAOS NINJA PILL









A Safe Spot In The Kelbeross's Cage

Climb to the top of the right wall and execute the quick kick technique until you fall down to where the door is. Kneel down and the Kelbeross won't be able to hit you. Of course, you won't be able to attack them unless you have a Ninja art like the Windmill Throwing Star.





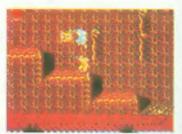




The weird and alien decor of this final fortress is stunning to human senses. Walls dripping with slime and graven snake designs bespeak the obvious evilness of the inhabitants. Upon battling his way into the castle, Ryu meets up with Robert and learns that Irene has been recaptured by the forces of Darkness. As Robert makes his final stand covering Ryu's flank, the last Dragon Ninja leaps into the fray!

Don't Give Up The Ghost

You'll want to have a lot of allies before you advance, so if you don't have your quota of ghosts, get the **Body Splitting Power**



Fight Fire With Fire

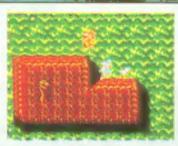
Use an art to snuff out the Wisps, clearing your path to the ladder. One of the Wisps will regenerate quickly, so you may have to deal with it using your sword a few times before you reach the ladder.



ACT-VII Area 1

Required Reading

This may be your last chance to increase your Maximum Ninja Power. Don't miss it!



One Last 1-Up!

Fight your way onto the platform and jump from there to cut down the 1-Up. You can also climb up the left wall and reach it from the top.



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almost have to use an art to get through here without taking a hit. Use either the Art Of The Fire Wheel or the Invincible Fire Wheel to blow them away before you proceed.





You Need This!

Rush up here, grab the Maximum Ninja Power-Up and turn and face your pursuers.





Camouflaged Ladders

The ladders in this fortress can blend in with the furnishings. Go straight for them-don't hesitate.





Wild Will-O-Wisps

Don't pass up the Art Of The Fire Wheel, but use it on these fireballs. These Wisps move quicker than the ones you've met before, so you'll have to move quicker too!































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